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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF PAK NEWMEN'S CALL AT
DEPARTMENT

1. PAK PRESS JULY 11 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO REPORT OF CALL AT DEPARTMENT BY 50 PAKISTAN JOURNALISTS. CALL ALSO REPORTED ON PAK RADIO AND TV.
 2. MOST PAPERS CARRIED ASSOCIATED PRESS OF PAKISTAN ACCOUNT UNDER SUCH BANNER HEADLINES AS "AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN. (NAWA-I-WAQAT), AND "AMERICA IS WATCHING THE SITUATION IN CONNECTION WITH PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. (HURRIYET). FULL TEXT OF APP REPORT FOLLOWS:
 3. "WASHINGTON, JULY 10: OFFICIAL QUARTERS HERE HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES AND PLEDGED FULL SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN, WRITES "APP" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.
 4. "IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH A PARTY OF FIFTY PAKISTAN JOURNALISTS THE OFFICIALS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID YESTERDAY THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO FRIENDLY COUNTRIES WERE VERY REMARKABLE AND EXCELLENT.
 5. "WE ARE TRYING TO HELP PAKISTAN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE." THEY ADDED. ANSWERING A QUESTION REGARDING THE LIFTING OF EMBARGO ON ARMS SUPPLIES THEY SAID THEY WERE QUITE OPEN-
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MINDED.

6. "REPLYING TO A QUESTION REGARDING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN THEY SAID: "WE ARE FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENTS VERY CAREFULLYBM IT WAS HEATENING TO QOTE THAT THERE WAS SOME REDUCTION IN PROPAGANDA."

7. "WE WANT PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN THE REGION AND OUR DESIRE IS THAT AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN SHOULD FIND A WAY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, THEY ADDED. THEY ALSO TOUCHED UPON THE LATEST SITUATION OBTAINING IN INDIA AND SAID: "OUR HOPE IS THAT THE PROCESS OF NORMALISATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN WOULD CONTINUE. ALTHOUGH ISSUES LIKE KASHMIR STILL REMAINED UNRESOLVED, YET MANY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS HAD BEEN SETTLED FOLLOWING THE SIMLA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBOURS."

8. "ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE PRESENCE OF NAVAL FORCES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, THEY SAID THE US WOULD NATURALLY BE CONCERNED IF ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENT GAVE DOMINANCE TO ANY ONE MAJOR POWER. "WE WANT FREEDOM OF PASSAGE, FREEDOM OF SEAS AND SAFEGUARDING COMMERICAL INTERESTS, THEY ADDED.

9. "THEY DESCRIBED AS "SHEER NONSENCE, THE REPORTS REGARDING THE INVOLVMENT OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) IN THE INDIAN AFFAIRS.

10. "A QUESTIONER WANTED TO KNOW IF THE UNITED STATES INTENDED TO WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH ASIA FOLLOWING THE SETBACK IN VIETNAM, THEY SAID THAT IT IS NOT THE CASE AND THAT IS NOT THE PLAN. THE UNITED STATES HAD A CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE AREA. "WE CANNOT TURN OUR BACKS AND WE WILL STAND BY OUR COMMITMENTS," THEY SAID.

11. "TALKING ABOUT US-CHINA RELATIONS THEY SAID THEY WERE SATISFIED WITH THE IMPROVING RELATIONS WHICH ARE NOW ON A STABLE BASIS. THE ISSUE OF TAIWAN WAS AN AREA OF DIFFICULTY AT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS AND DIALOGUES BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

12. "ANSWERING A QUESTION THEY SAID THAT PAKISTAN WAS DOING UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTREMELY GOOD IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND PROGRESS WAS REMARKABLY WELL AND QUITE IMPRESSIVE.

13. THE OFFICIALS ALSO DEALT WITH BRIEFLY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INVOLVING MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS AND THE ROLE BEING PLAYED BY THE UNITED STATES IN THIS REGARD. THEY THREW LIGHT ON DETENTE BETWEEN THE US AND USSR.

14. PAKISTAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS WHILE EXCHANGING VIEW WITH THE JOURNALISTS ALSO DESCRIBED THE US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS AS VERY GOOD. THEY SAID THAT THERE WAS A MARKED IMPROVEMENT FOLLOWING THE LAST VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO TO THE US. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO GROW ON A VERY STRONG FOOTING, THEY SAID. APP".

15. WIDELY CIRCULATED URDU DAILY JANG CARRIED ACCOUNT FILED BY OWN CORRESPONDENT UNDER FRONT PAGE HEADLINE, "AMERICA WON'T REMAIN SILENT IN CASE OF ANY EXTERNAL THREAT TO PAKISTAN." STORY GENERALLY SIMILAR TO APP REPORT BUT SPECIFICALLY NOTED THAT "HIGH OFFICIAL" OF STATE DEPARTMENT HAD ASSURED NEWMEN THAT THE US WOULD NOT REMAIN SILENT BEFORE ANY EXTERNAL THREAT TO INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF PAKISTAN BECAUSE PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY AND SECURITY ARE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF US POLICY.

16. ALTHOUGH MAIN APP AND JANG STORIES DID NOT IDENTIFY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM NEWMEN MET, SHORT SUPPLEMENTARY APP STORY WHICH CARRIED IN SEVERAL PAPERS MENTIONED THAT JOURNALISTS HAD HAD HOUR-LONG SESSION WITH UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND HAD ALSO MET EARLIER WITH WHITE HOUSE COUNSELOR HARTMAN.

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